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OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

City of New Bedford.

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Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

TRUSTEES.

Ex officio. Terms expire January, 1886.

MORGAN ROTCH, Mayor of the City.
EDMUND WOOD, President of the Common Council.
EDWIN DEWS, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1887
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1887
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expires April, 1885.
WARREN LADD.	Term expires April, 1885.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1886.
LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1886.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

CLERK.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

COMMITTEES.

On the Library—The Mayor, George Howland, Jr., Dews and Ladd.
On the Building—Messrs. Wood, Tompkins and Ellis.
On Binding and Blanks—Messrs. A. H. Howland, Jr., and Dunbar.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

WM. L. R. GIFFORD, JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK,
MARY E. BROWN, SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

JANITOR.

CHARLES H. HOWLAND.

REPORT

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library, in submitting their thirty-third annual report, feel compelled by the necessities of the case, to iterate and reiterate all they have said in previous reports in regard to the absolute need of more room in the Library building for the accommodation of the books already purchased, without taking into account the future growth of the Library, for which provision should be made.

We venture to assert that there is no money expended by the city which secures to the people at large, one and all, more real benefit, in proportion to the amount expended, than that appropriated for the Free Public Library.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held in December, the Committee of the Library Building were instructed to confer with the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property in regard to the extension of the Library building north, with a wing on each side, as suggested in our report of last year.

The Committees met, and after a full, free and frank discussion, with a plan of the proposed alteration before them, the Committee of the City Council approved of the plan proposed, and will make a favorable report to your

Honorable Body, with a recommendation that the subject be referred to the next City Council, with a request that they will give it, at an early date, that attention which its importance demands.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of books taken during the year is seventy-three thousand and seventy-nine.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Total number of cards issued, twenty thousand eight hundred and eighty-two; increase over last year, seven hundred and sixteen.

Books added during the year by purchase, one thousand six hundred and twenty-five volumes; by gift, four hundred and forty-one volumes, and eight hundred and twenty-one pamphlets.

Number of newspapers on the stand, thirteen.

Number of periodicals received, one hundred and eighty.

Number of books in the Library, about forty-eight thousand and six hundred. Six per cent. of these are fiction and juveniles.

Volumes worn out and rejected, thirty.

Volumes bound, two hundred and nine.

Volumes rebound, one hundred and two.

Postals sent for books overdue, one hundred and thirty-three.

CATALOGUES.

We have had the several catalogues bound in sets for more convenient use in the Library. Each set contains the catalogue of 1858, the First Supplement, 1869 — with

the exception of the appendix of fiction — and the Supplement of 1876. The fiction list from the Second Supplement has been bound with the Bulletin of fiction published in 1874. Lists in manuscripts of the fiction since added and copies of Mr. Leypoldt's Reading Diary, with shelf numbers inserted, have been placed upon the table.

The titles of the Bulletins, including those of the 16th, just published, have been pasted separately on cards and arranged in one alphabet.

These, with a subject catalogue, on slips of the addition since 1874, can be seen on application at the desk.

USE OF BOOKS.

As a rule the books are used with as much care as we could expect, considering the freedom with which they are circulated. But in some cases — and these seem to be on the increase — they are returned soiled, badly pencil-marked and otherwise disfigured, and we regret to state, some of them with maps and plates abstracted. We trust that by calling attention to this matter a reformation may be brought about among the offenders without rendering it necessary to enforce the State law for the protection of libraries. A copy of this law is printed on the label, which is put upon the cover of each book.

The assistance of parents and teachers in enforcing upon youthful readers the necessity of proper care in handling books is respectfully solicited.

GIFTS.

Of serials we have continued to receive the Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers from Mr. William H. Farrington; the Proceedings of the American

Antiquarian Society and the American Philosophical Society from the respective societies; the Christian Register and the Unitarian Review, from the American Unitarian Association; the Manifesto, from the United [Shaker] Societies; the Advocate of Peace, from the American Peace Society, and the Bulletin Mensuel de la Société Nationale d'Acclimatation, from Mr. Gideon Nye of Canton, China. Valuable lots of pamphlets have come to us from Messrs. E. Anthony & Sons, Mr. Benjamin F. H. Reed, Rev. James D. Butler, Edward Merrill, Esq., and Hon. W. W. Crapo. From Mr. Crapo we have also received a number of local maps and plans, log books of whaling vessels, etc.

The Royal Society of Canada has sent us a copy of their Proceedings and Transactions for 1882–3, a large quarto volume.

Dr. Simeon Palmer has added to our newspapers eighteen volumes of the New York Daily Tribune, and from the Georgia Historical Society we have received interesting historical tracts.

The Trustees will gladly receive contributions of books, newspapers and pamphlets, especially those that illustrate the history of this vicinity.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

GEORGE WILSON,
President of the Board.

APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1884.

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	$119.30	
	Receipts for books lost,	4.59	
	Paper stock,	.25	
	Fines,	281.96	$406.10
	Paid for books,	40.89	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	24.20	
	Stationery,	21.53	
	P. O. box and postage,	19.51	
	Binding and paper cutting,	8.20	
	Repairing furniture and furniture,	25.10	
	Incidentals,	27.91	
1885, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	238.76	406.10

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1884.			
Jan. 1.			
Bills approved January,		$325.48	
	February,	292.23	
	March,	351.48	
	April,	289.48	
	May,	341.42	
	June,	307.48	
	July,	360.06	
	August,	418.06	
	September,	386.33	
	October,	348.46	
	November,	367.11	
	December,	375.67	$4,163.26

Jan. 1.			
Annual appropriation,		$3,800.00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,		351.26	
Received from Trustees' account,		12.00	$4,163.26

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$12,393.40	
	George Howland fund,	398.13	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	257.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	304.50	
	James B. Congdon fund,	207.42	
	Dog fund,	156.30	$13,716.92

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$12,393.40	
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	$15,393.40

Bills approved for books, periodicals and binding, viz.:

January audit,	$470.29	
February,	93.72	
March,	54.78	
April,	167.57	
May,	382.26	
June,	410.88	
July,	395.10	
August,	113 39	
September,	236.48	
October,	260.18	
November,	362.34	
December,	182.57	$3,129.56

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	$5.00
Allyn, John,	270.36
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Barrie, George,	100.00
Beehler, D. E.,	3.00

Boston Society of Natural History,	3.50
Bouton, J. W.,	26.10
Bowker, R. R.,	20.00
Brinton, D. G.,	3.50
Burns & Son,	7.50
Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	16.00
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	2.50
Dawson, Henry B.,	39.50
Dawson Bros.,	3.00
Denham, Alexander,	8.55
Dews, Edwin,	282.30
Essex Institute,	3.00
Estes & Lauriat,	10.50
Francis, David G.,	77.02
Freeman, F. W.,	5.70
Free Public Library appropriation account,	12.00
Graffam, I. W.,	3.75
Gray, Asa,	5.00
Hazen, Henry A.,	2.00
Hill, Frank P.,	4.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	33.00
Hutchinson, S.,	497.13
Johns Hopkins University,	3.00
Judd (Orange) Company,	10.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	34.05
Lamb, J. H., Agent,	25.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	572.24
Lee & Shepard,	15.00
Leypoldt, F.,	15.00
Linnaean Society of New York,	3.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	187.61
Littlefield, George E.,	265.84
McDonough, Joseph,	15.84
Mass. Historical Society,	3.00
Mining Record,	4.00
Morgan, Henry J.,	3.00
Morrell, T. H.,	18.30
Morse, George D.,	32.74
Munsell's, Joel, Sons,	7.00
Nagle, Richard,	9.00
Narragansett Hist. Pub. Co.,	2.00
Nash, Edward W.,	10.80
N. E. Mfrs. & Mechanics Institute,	13.33
Newport Hist. Pub. Co.,	2.00

Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	22.25	
Osgood, J. R. & Co.,	6.00	
Parsons, John D., Jr.,	18.00	
Q. P. Index,	1.00	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Review Pub. Co.,	5.00	
Rider, Sidney S.,	20.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	100.00	
Rogers, James M.,	7.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	52.64	
Scribner's, Charles, Sons,	5.00	
Stedman & Brown,	18.00	
Stickney, Matthew A.,	3.15	
Stone, H. J.,	1.00	
Textile Record,	3.00	
Thomson, Peter G.,	4.45	
Tryon, George W., Jr.,	125.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	31.20	
Van Nostrand, D.,	13.48	
Walker, George H. & Co.,	12.00	
Woodward, C. L.,	85.73	$3,129.56

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$398.13	
	One year's interest,	96.00	494.13

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$257.17	
	One year's interest,	60.00	$317.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$304.50	
	One year's interest,	60.00	$364.50
	J. W. Bouton's bill,	$120.00	
	George W. Tryon's bill,	41.60	161.60
			$202.90

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$207.42	
	One year's interest,	30.00	$237.42

DOG FUND.

1884.			
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	$156.30	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	677.49	$833.79
Paid James E. Balloch,		$480.00	
E. Anthony & Sons,		123.03	603.03
			$230.76

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$12,263.84	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	494.13	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	317.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	202.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	237.42	
	Dog fund,	230.76	$13,746.22

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,
Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1885.

GIFTS, 1884.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr.,		1
Allen, Mrs. Sarah H.,	2	
American Antiquarian Society,		2
American Philosophical Society,	2	
American Sanitarian Association,	3	
Ames' Free Library,		1
Anthony, E. & Sons,		369
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia,		1
Baird, Henry Carey,		7
Boston City Government,	3	
Boston Public Library,	1	5
Bostonian Society,		1
Bradlee, C. D., . . . 9 autographs.		3
Briggs, N. A.,	1	
Brookline Public Library,		1
Brooklyn Library,		2
Brown, O. H. P.,		1
Bushnell, Rev. Samuel C., . . . 3 newspapers.		
Butler Hospital for the Insane,		1
Butler, Rev. James D.,	4	13
Chandler, W. H.,		1
Chicago Public Library,		1
Cincinnati Board of Education,	2	
Cincinnati Public Library,		9
City of New Bedford,	72	
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, Northampton,		1
Clifford, Charles W.,		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	21	
Cox, William R.,		3
Crapo, William W., . . . 12 maps.	107	97
Crunden, Fred M.,		1
Cummings, Benj. T.,		11
Cundall, Isaac N.,		1
Cutter, Abram E.,		1
Davis, Hon. Robert T., . . . maps.	1	1
Dexter, Franklin B.,		3
Dimmock, George,		1

Donnell, E. J.,		1
Dunbar, Ann H.,	19	3
Dunbar, George H., ... chart.	6	3
Durfey, Richard T.,	5	4
Earle, Pliny,		1
Eclectic Medical College, N. Y.,		1
Fall River Public Library,		1
Farrington, William H.,		13
Financial Reform Association,		2
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N. Y.,		1
Georgia Historical Society,		5
Germantown Friends' Free Library,		1
Green, Samuel A.,		4
Griswold, W. M.,		1
Handsworth Public Library Company, Strafford, Eng.,		1
Harrison, George L.,	1	
Hartford Library Association,		4
Harvard College,		5
Hazen, Rev. H. A.,	1	
Jervey, Rene R.,	1	
Kingsley, W. W.,	1	
Knowlton, Hosea M.,		3
Ladd, Warren,		1
Lascell, G. W.,		1
Lawrence Public Library,		1
Lawton, James M., Jr.,		1
Lee, Leslie A.,		1
Leeds, Josiah W.,		1
Leonard, Elisha		1
Library Committee, Lancaster, Mass.,		1
Library Company, Philadelphia,		2
Littlefield, George E.,		4
Lynn Public Library.		1
May, George Thomas,	1	
Mercantile Library Association, N. Y.,		3
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia,		3
Merrill, Edward B.,	12	51
Middlesex Mechanics Association, Lowell,		1
Murdock, J. B.,		1
National Conference of Repub. and Independents, N.Y.,		2
New Bedford Book Club,	3	
Nye, Gideon, Jr.,	1	1
Palmer, Dr. Simeon,	23	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		1

Peabody Institute, Peabody,		1
Perkins Institution for the Blind,		1
Pope, Albert A.,		1
Public Library, Cleveland, O.,		2
Raymond, W.,		1
Reed, Benj. F. H., ... 3 maps.	4	72
Rice, William,		1
Roberts, Rev. O. A.,		1
Robinson, F. W.,		1
Rodgers Free Library,		1
Royal Society of Canada,	1	
Russell, Martha,	1	
Sawyer Free Library, Gloucester,	1	
Smithsonian Institution,	1	
Staples, Samuel E.,		2
Stearns, George T.,		1
Superintendent Board of Education, Oakland, Cal.,		1
Swansea Public Library, Swansea, Wales,		1
Taber, Abraham,		1
Taber, Charles,		1
Taunton Baptist Association,		2
Taunton Public Library,	1	1
Thomson, J. H.,	2	6
Tillinghast, C. B.,	1	
Tryon, George W.,		1
United Societies, [Shakers,]	1	
United States		
—Bureau of Education,	1	13
—Department of the Interior,	128	3
—Patent Office,	5	
—Treasury Department,	3	
—War Department,	4	11
Wallis, A.,		1
Whitaker, Alfred E.,		1
White, Smith & Co.,	1	
Wilcox, David B.,		11
Willey, H.,	2	1
Wilmington Institute,		1
Wilson, George,		1
Winchester, G. F.,		1
Woburn Public Library,		1
Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science,		1
Worcester Free Public Library,		1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,		2